



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155**

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Ref: 15-F-0764
2014-05351

Mr. Jeremy Singer-Vine
200 Fifth Avenue
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Dear Mr. Singer-Vine:

The United States Office of Personnel Management (OPM) in response to your enclosed Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to them found responsive data for the Department of Defense (DoD) and referred to our office for review and direct response. We received the data from OPM on February 18, 2014.

The enclosed CD contains DoD data responsive to your request. Mr. Paul J. Jacobsmeyer, an Initial Denial Authority, determined that the names of employees must be withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) which pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy. There are no assessable fees associated with this response in this instance.

If you are not satisfied with this action, you may petition the Appellate Authority, the Director of Administration, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to the OSD/Joint Staff Freedom of Information, ATTN: Appeals Office, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-1155; you may also submit your appeal electronically at the following link: <http://pal.whs.mil/palMain.aspx>. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this mail, should cite case number 15-F-0764, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M.L. Wahling".

M.L. M.L. Wahling
Acting Chief

Enclosure:
As stated

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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 et seq., I request copies of the following FedScope (or equivalent, for earlier years) data, for all years (or quarters) on file.

- **Employment** Cube dataset, with the addition of **employee name** and a unique employee **identification number**
- **Accessions** Cube dataset, with the addition of **employee name** and a unique employee **identification number**
- **Separations** Cube dataset, with the addition of **employee name** and a unique employee **identification number**

Ideally, the datasets responsive to this FOIA would use the same, or similar, structure as the the original Employment/Accessions/Separations Cube data, but I will leave that decision to the OPM's technical experts. If OPM determines that the addition of the employee-name field means that other fields must be redacted for privacy reasons, please contact me with the proposed redactions before fulfilling this request.

I am seeking this information in order to analyze government employment trends at a level of detail greater than possible through the name/ID-less FedScope offerings. I am seeking this data on behalf of BuzzFeed.com — a general-interest publication that receives 150 million unique viewers per month — for the purpose of informing the general public. Because the release of this information will be used for journalistic purposes, I ask that you please waive any applicable duplication fees.

I look forward to your reply. Please let me know if there are any clarifications I can make to make this request easier and/or quicker to complete. My email address and phone numbers are listed above.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Singer-Vine